

The Herald

*Telling you all you need to know in our
Benefice
May 2018*

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For all information re the Herald and to send any items for inclusion by e-mail, please use the benefice office address - cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com.

Please leave anything in writing in the Cottesmore tray at the back of St Nicholas Church. Due to holidays, please send any **items for the June issue by 18th May**. Thanks. Val.



Alleluia

The first of April usually means playing a joke on somebody, but this year 1st April was something special – it was the day we gave thanks for the most wonderful act anybody has ever done for us. The day we remember when our Saviour, having died, rose from the dead. He did this for us – all of us, not just a privileged few – all of us. It was the day we were freed from sin and given

the key to being with our Heavenly Father forever and ever. Before this, during Holy Week, did we celebrate! It started with a moving service of Holy Communion at Thistleton Church on Maundy Thursday. Instead of foot washing, which Jesus did for His Disciples, we had our hands washed, symbolising our sins being washed away. Then on Good Friday morning we had a service of Matins at Clipsham and ‘Messy Church’ at Cottesmore, which was enthusiastically enjoyed by the children. In the afternoon we had a service of meditation at Greetham, ending with the entry of the Cross walkers, who had visited each church in our Benefice on their walk, carrying the Cross. The climax of the week came with an early morning service at Greetham [6.30am] on Easter Sunday – which was followed by Holy Communion by extension in all the churches in our Benefice. So there was something for everybody – young – middle aged – and old – all we hope were catered for. So all we can do is loudly say – ALLELUIA ! We give heartfelt thanks for this wonderful act of grace for us.

Talking of ‘thanks’ – we do also give thanks for all the clergy that have stepped in to help during this interregnum. Yes, we have a band of Lay Readers and they can, and will, do many things, but some things can only be done by ordained ministers – and as I said we give many thanks to them for stepping into the breach.

One thing, before I sign off, one or two people have spoken about the fact we seem short of Holy Communion services on a Sunday. Well,

perhaps we should all remember there are services of Holy Communion each month at Oak House in Greetham and at Gainsborough Court every Tuesday morning at 10am, at which all non-residents are welcome.

I know, for example, that at Gainsborough this is followed by tea and biscuits and a good chat – which is great for the residents there – as well as the visitors!

Colin Johns

Florence Isabella Caldicott was baptised on 4th March at Exton with family and friends attending.

The baptism of Eloise Cocksedge took place on Sunday 18th March in St Nicholas Church. The congregation welcomed her into the church family.

Visit to Rev Marcus: On my way home yesterday (Saturday 21st April) I passed through March and called on Marcus and family. They were all well, and enjoying life in March.

Marcus said how pleasant it was having only one parish rather than having to juggle the demands of six. The mission in the area is going well with plans to develop it further. The boys are enjoying more groups to go with in the town, Isaac is getting on well with the ACF unit in March and Tiffer is thinking of joining the scouts. Rory is enjoying being a teenager.

Marcus had just finished conducting a service for all the scout groups in the area, including the one he was in as a boy when he lived in Wisbech (his old scoutmaster was at the service, now in his 80's).

David Morgan

Home Holy Communion

Do you have, or do you know, somebody who is house bound and would like to receive Holy Communion in their home. If you would like this for them, please contact Colin Johns in person or on telephone No.01572 812221

What's on every week

Mon to Fri 08.00 <i>Every week</i>	<i>Morning Bible Study & Prayer, Greetham Church With a cup of tea</i>
Monday 10.30 Weeks 2 & 4	<i>Prayer Meeting in Cottesmore Church</i> <i>For more info please contact Di Toy on 812355</i>
Monday 14.30 <i>Weekly term time</i>	Barrow Home Group Duncan Ball (812428) cduncanball@gmail.com
Monday 14.30 <i>Weekly</i>	<i>House group meets every week in various homes. Contact Cathy 01572 812497 07970568305 cathydyson@outlook.com</i>
Monday 19.00, <i>Weekly</i>	Hand Bell ringing Cottesmore Church 7pm
Tuesday 08.30 <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i>
Tues 09.30 - 11.30 <i>Term time only</i>	Sparklers toddlers group, Cottesmore Church ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 10.00 <i>Every week</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Gainsboro' Ct</i> <i>Refreshments served afterwards</i>
Thursday 08.30 <i>Weekly</i>	Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church
Thursday 19.30 <i>Weekly term time</i>	<i>Bible Fellowship Contact Anne Adamson on 812816 for more info</i>
Friday 19.45 <i>Weekly</i>	An ecumenical house group open to everyone. Contact Cathy 01572 812497
Saturday 1030 <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Shattered on Saturday, Greetham Church</i> <i>Contact Chris Cassady for details</i>



Ascension Day/Thy Kingdom Come

This is your invitation to join us in Cottesmore church from 7.00 pm on Ascension Day, Thursday 10th May.

God's promise to the first Christians was: ***"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ..."*** This happened, the church prayed - and the church grew!

In 2016 the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York appealed to Anglicans to pray for others to come to faith in the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Our benefice will again be part of this. See <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

In church on Ascension Day there will be helpful prayer stations and workable suggestions to take away with you. (Some of us are praying for 5 people using last year's aid to memory, a thin leather strip into which we tied 5 knots.) One of this year's suggestions is a 'prayer wall' that we can all add to and watch grow. The Thursday home group and others are planning an evening which we hope will be helpful and useful for all of us. You simply opt into or try out anything that might work for you. At 7.30 we will have a short informal service – a time of coming together. During the evening we will also be showing some short videos in which people share their experiences and reflect on the power of prayer. (You can access these on the website above.)

Bringing people to faith is God's work through his Holy Spirit. But we need to work with God, to pray for wisdom and confidence, to support one another as we seek to be a Christian presence in the areas where we live. The church will be open until about 9.00. Thy Kingdom Come is not complicated or unduly cringe-making: it simply encourages us to pray in whatever way we want and with whoever we want for others to come to know Jesus Christ. Do join us! There will be a further

opportunity to be part of a planned event at Greetham on Sunday 13th May.

Sparklers Group



For parents, grandparents and carers of preschool children. We meet during term time on Tuesday Mornings between 9.30am – 11.00am in Cottesmore Church. A warm welcome awaits with crafts, refreshments, lots of varied play/toys and singing. £1 per family.

Bernie Wallace Tel: 01572 812956 or Maureen Hubbert Tel: 01572 813061



Christian Aid Week falls between May 13th and 19th and once again in Greetham gift envelopes will be placed in 'The Hub ' alongside our Greetham Community Newsletter. I am most

grateful for all who tirelessly distribute the magazines on a monthly basis. Nicole, at The Village Shop and Post Office has once again kindly agreed to act as the collection point for those of you who wish to contribute towards Christian Aid.

Recently large national charities have come under the national spotlight for the wrong reasons and the behaviour of just a few top executives have tarnished the reputation of such organisations and it is understandable that we may be more reluctant to give to them.

Clare and I were fortunate to go to a Lent Lunch at Empingham and listen to the Christian Aid , East of England Co-ordinator speak. He spoke of his recent visit to India where Christian Aid was used in the community to enable ladies of the lowest caste (though this was 'abolished' years ago) who clean out public earth closets by hand to

start small businesses-perhaps a room in their hovel which becomes a small shop. By enabling these ladies to aspire to a degree of financial independence and self-esteem they are then able to afford to send their children to school and very gradually the cycle of poverty is broken.

Justin Welby writes 'Together we raise funds to help our poorest brothers and sisters around the globe to thrive abundantly, because we believe in life before death. This work brings the Kingdom close.'

I will display posters in St Mary's Church along with spare envelopes. If I have extra I will leave some in Cottesmore Church and invite those who wish to call in at Greetham Village Shop with their envelopes.

With very kind wishes

Peter Hitchcox, Greetham Christian Aid Organiser

*The High Sheriff of Rutland
Cordially invites you to
A Service in Celebration of Voluntary Work
In the County of Rutland*



*With
The Bishop of Peterborough and
The Reverend Pippa Madgwick*

*In All Saint's Church, Oakham
On Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.30 pm
All are most welcome*

Rowan Williams to talk at Peterborough Cathedral on Friday 11th May at 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome [Dr Rowan Williams](#) – Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge and former Archbishop of Canterbury – to Peterborough Cathedral to talk about the life and work of Dean Peter Peckard. Dean Peckard was a former Dean of Peterborough and Vice-Chancellor of Magdalen College, who was also a fierce campaigner against the slave trade. His pamphlet of 1778 – ‘Am I not a Man and a Brother?’ – was hugely influential on such activists as Thomas Clarkson and William Wilberforce. This is a rare chance to hear about a true unsung hero of Peterborough.

Tickets are normally £12, £10 concessions (including a complimentary glass of wine / soft drink), but there is a special 30% off deal for advanced sales – taking the price to **£9 (£7 concessions)**. The code to quote is **Monmouth**.

You can book in three ways:

- Online via [Peterborough Cathedral's page at Oundle Box Office](#).
- Call Oundle Box Office on 01832 274734.
- Call Peterborough Information Centre on 01733 452336.

One of the Chapter at Peterborough Cathedral, Canon Ian Black, has written his own blurb about the event:

On Friday 11th May at 7.30pm, Dr Rowan Williams will give a lecture in Peterborough Cathedral on slavery: past and present. The talk will be based on an outstanding former Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, Peter Peckard, who in the 18th century inspired the leading abolitionists when he was Master of Magdalene College. He wrote a treatise setting out the Christian case against slavery and ‘the vile trade in human misery’. It was a case he had to make because it was by no means universally agreed. That treatise (‘Am I not a man? And a brother?’) provided the intellectual and moral case the abolitionists needed.

Although the slave trade was abolished at the beginning of the nineteenth century, slavery is still a reality today, with people trafficked and exploited – not least in this city. As the current Master of Magdalene College, Dr Williams will give a lecture in tribute to his predecessor and one of the Cathedral’s heroes of the past.

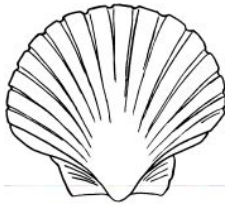
I am delighted Dr Williams accepted my invitation to give this talk. He is a scholar with an international reputation – always an inspiring speaker – and this is an occasion not to be missed.



A Walk on the Camino to Santiago



What, How & Why



Friday 22nd June, 7.30pm

St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore

Beverley Hancock will give an illustrated talk on her 500 mile pilgrimage walk across Spain.

Sights, scenery and stories

Doors open at 7.00 for welcome drink. Refreshments after the talk.

No admission charge but donations welcomed, which will be shared
between Cottesmore and Thistleton church funds

Stretton Village Fete 2018

Sunday 1st July 12.00 – 17.00

In aid of St Nicholas Church, Stretton
Air Ambulance & Prostate Cancer UK

Prize Draw with prizes totally more than £1,500

Refreshments: Beer/Wine/Afternoon Tea/BBQ
Music and Dancing: Folk/Pop/Swing/'Molly Dancing'
Family Dog Show / Games for all the family
Stalls - Falconry Display

**Fly Past by The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
and much more!**

Free Entry and Parking – location LE15 7RA

90% of Profit goes to St Nicholas Church
For details see www.strettonvillage.co.uk

Greetham Church "Fix the Roof"

Numbers Quiz

Can you crack it

Pick up an entry form from the village pubs, shop or any church member - £2 to enter, cash Prize

Closing date 31st May: all enquiries to Helen McLeod-Smith

Services in our Benefice May 2018

Tuesday 1st	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 6th	0800	Holy Communion	Greetham
	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Worship	Greetham
	11.15	Holy Communion	Stretton
Tuesday 8th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Thursday 10th	1900	Ascension Day, Prayer Evening	Cottesmore
Sunday 13th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Services with Breakfast at 0900	Greetham
	11.15	BCP Holy Communion	Clipsham
	11.15	Morning Service	Exton
Tuesday 15th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Thursday 17th	1200	Community Café	Cottesmore
Sunday 20th	0930	Holy Communion	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Praise	Greetham
	1115	Morning Service	Stretton

Tuesday 22nd	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 27th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham
	1115	BCP Morning Prayer	Clipsham
	11.15	Holy Communion	Exton
Tuesday 29th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court